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Mr. Chaplin

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TO: Mr. Bray

THRU: Mr. Zimmermann

FROM: Fred Rondon

SUBJECT: Gwenda Mae Loken Lopez

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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Exemption(s):

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I spoke to Dr. Loken this afternoon expressing my satisfaction that his daughter had arrived safely. I told him that we were very concerned about the mistreatment which Gwenda Mae received in Argentina and felt a responsibility to speak to her first-hand to hear what she had to say. I told Dr. Loken that I did not want to bother ~~kxm~~ Gwenda Mae at this point but wanted her to be aware of our willingness to speak to her at her convenience, either over the phone or in Minneapolis. Dr. Loken insisted on putting Gwenda on the phone.

I introduced myself to Gwenda and said that I was aware of her charges of mistreatment. I stated that we wanted to know from her what happened so that we could "complain" to the Argentine Government. She said that she would be very willing to meet with me in Minneapolis, since she did not want to discuss her case at length over the phone. She did ask for a few days to collect her thoughts. I noted that if a complaint

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was in order, we should not wait too long. We agreed that I would telephone again tomorrow. Dr. Loken suggested that we meet in the Loken home and invited me to dinner.

Dr. Loken also mentioned that Gwenda had agreed to meet the press tomorrow morning in order to avoid a series of private interviews which have been requested.

Loken also said that Gwenda is very grateful for all that Consul Gerry Whitman did for her.

Comment: I did not press Gwenda in any way, making it clear that she did not have to see me. She said that she wanted to and Dr. Loken was even more welcoming. As far as I could tell, Gwenda and her father appreciate what State and the Embassy did for Gwenda.

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